

MINUTES OF THE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020
ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

This meeting opened at 1:03pm

1. **ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Glen Auricht (Chair)
Councillor Jimmy Cocking
Peter Somerville – Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
Annemarie Drummond
Zoe Franey
Karen Stewart

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Allen – Director Technical Services
Jeanette Shepherd – Manager Community and Cultural Development
Kristine Capangpangan – Administration Officer (*minutes*)

APOLOGIES

Kiri Milne – Community Development Officer

13th Alice Springs Town Council				
Access Advisory Committee Attendance List 2019/20				
	Aug-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	May-20
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Jimmy Cocking	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peter Somerville	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annemarie Drummond	✓	A	✓	✓
Zoe Franey	A	✓	✓	✓
Cheryl Knight	A	✓	✓	--
Carol Muir	✓	--	A	--
Brigida Stewart	A	--	--	--
Karen Stewart	✓	A	✓	✓

✓ *Attended*
✓ **Proxy** *Proxy attended in place of committee member*
A *Apology Received*
-- *No attendance and no apology tendered*

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Access Advisory committee meeting held 10 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

MOVED: Mayor Ryan

SECONDED: Peter Somerville

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Mayoral Awards and International Day of People with Disability – (Standing Item)

It was advised that the first meeting of the working group to plan the Mayoral Awards and activities as part of International Day of People with Disability is scheduled for mid-August. Members interested in being involved in planning and implementation are encouraged to attend. Invitation's will be sent out closer to the time.

The event will be planned with safety and hygiene precautions taken into consideration. More details will be provided at a future date.

5. DEPUTATION

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence inwards
Nil

6.2 Correspondence outwards
Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Council Infrastructure and Accessibility Update

Director Technical Services advised that a disability ramp has been added along Todd Street north of the KFC turn-off and is now complete.

A question was raised for the Director Technical Services on whether a list of priority was available on infrastructure for accessibility needs. Director Technical Services advised that there are currently 144 pram ramps being worked on within the CBD with 68 ramps still to be completed. It is anticipated to be completed over the next 12 months.

A follow up query was made with regard to a previous site visit of the CBD with some members of the committee. Some areas of concern were identified during this visit and a list was provided to Council. It was noted that only a couple of the items on the list had been actioned.

Director Technical Services advised that the list will be reviewed again to determine whether the other items on the list can be achieved.

Action:

Director Technical Services to review the list and provide an update at the next meeting

Action:

Council Officers to circulate the list to the committee prior to the next meeting

An inquiry was made about the contact person who looks after the bus stop locations in Alice Springs. This was raised due to concerns that the podiatrist located on Smith Street is not in close proximity to a bus stop. Director Technical Services advised that Council does not determine locations of businesses and bus stops. DIPL advised that the best contact person would be the Regional Director for Transport and Civil Services in Alice Springs. No action was required from this item.

7.2 Dancing with Dementia

The *Dancing with Dementia* program was put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Dementia Australia, Lauren Jones Dance Psychotherapy and the Alice Springs Town Council are working together to get the classes up and running again. The aim is to hold the classes at the same day and time, on a Tuesday between 10am and 11am. The group is undergoing all appropriate safety requirements, risk assessments and hygiene measures prior to confirming a recommencement date.

To assist with managing numbers, the classes will need to be pre-booked through Dementia Australia. Promotional materials about the classes will be sent out to the committee once a recommencement date is confirmed.

The Committee received and noted.

7.3 Disability Royal Commission and COVID-19

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability has suspended public hearings, due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus.

After careful consideration, the Commission decided to postpone the First Nations People with disability hearing scheduled for May in Alice Springs.

The Royal Commission still encourages people to share their experience via:

- in writing, over the phone, in a video or audio recording by making a submission
- in a private session with a Commissioner
- in a preferred language - including Indigenous languages and Auslan.

The Royal Commission will provide interpreters and translators. The public hearing will most likely be rescheduled once deemed safe and appropriate to do so.

Further information on how to contribute an experience to The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability can be found on <https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/share-your-story>

7.4 Our Site – Women with Disabilities Australia

A new website, *Our Place*, has been made for women and girls with disability.

There are currently over 2 million women and girls with disability in Australia. Women and girls with disability represent one of the most marginalised and disadvantaged groups in the country. They continue to experience widespread discrimination and violations of their rights and freedoms.

Over 100 women with disability across Australia have directly contributed to the design and development of the website.

Our Place will provide practical resources and information across five main areas:

- Human rights
- Leadership and participation
- Decision making and choices
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Safety from all forms of violence.

It will also showcase real stories from over 40 women with disability across Australia.

To find out more or to access the resources, contact comms@wwda.org.au. The web address is: <http://ourplace.wwda.org.au>

The Committee received and noted.

7.5 NT Australian of the Year Awards

Australia Day Council NT are currently looking for nominations for the NT Australian of the Year Award.

The four categories are:
NT Australian of the Year
NT Senior Australian of the Year
NT Young Australian of the Year
NT Local Hero

Nominations can be made on
<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/> or
<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate/>

7.6 Terms of Reference Update

It was advised that Council's Governance will be presenting an updated Terms of Reference for Access Advisory Committee in the June Council meeting. The draft will be circulated to the committee for review by the end of this week.

Action:

Council Officers to circulate a copy of the draft Terms of Reference to the committee by the end of the week

7.7 Public Art Online Map

The Public Art Committee are currently working on an online public art online map. This will encourage people to visit the CBD where a selection of ASTC and community artworks will be highlighted in a CBD walk.

Some key sites will have an audio description for people with visual impairments or blindness to enjoy the artworks. As part of the launch in September, some free community public art walks will be run for these public art sites and a specific tour for people with visual impairment or blindness to incorporate the audio description.

7.8 Additional Crossing – Northside Stuart Highway

A concern was raised with regard to the lack of access / walkway for the community that runs along the eastern side of the Stuart Highway. DIPL advised that the NTG would be the responsible body for this. Director Technical Services suggested a contact be made to the Regional Director for Transport and Civil Services in Alice Springs.

Action:

Director Technical Services to contact the Regional Director for Transport and Civil Services in Alice Springs with regard to the additional crossing

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 25 August 2020 at 1:00pm

The meeting closed at 1:30pm